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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, claims 2, 5 and 6 have been rejoined, claim 5 has been amended, and claims 11-17 have been cancelled. Claims 1-10 therefore are pending and presented for review. Allowance is believed to be in order in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

The objection to claim 5 is noted. The Examiner's requested change would have rendered claim 5 grammatically inaccurate and, therefore, has not been adopted. However, it is believed that the amendment to claim 5 complies with the spirit of the Examiner's request. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if he disagrees.

The allowance of generic claim 18 [sic: 1] and all claims dependent therefrom is noted with appreciation. Since non-elected claims 11-17 have been canceled, all pending claims 1-10 are believed to be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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No fee is believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,


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